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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 18.170.010 and 2004 c 50 s 1 are each amended to read  
4 as follows:

5 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter  
6 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

7 (1) "Armed private security guard" means a private security guard  
8 who has a current firearms certificate issued by the commission and is  
9 licensed as an armed private security guard under this chapter.

10 (2) "Armored vehicle guard" means a person who transports in an  
11 armored vehicle under armed guard, from one place to another place,  
12 valuables, jewelry, currency, documents, or any other item that  
13 requires secure delivery.

14 (3) "Burglar alarm response runner" means a person employed by a  
15 private security company to respond to burglar alarm system signals.

16 (4) "Burglar alarm system" means a device or an assembly of  
17 equipment and devices used to detect or signal unauthorized intrusion,  
18 movement, or exit at a protected premises, other than in a vehicle, to  
19 which police or private security guards are expected to respond.

20 (5) "Chief law enforcement officer" means the elected or appointed  
21 police administrator of a municipal, county, or state police or  
22 sheriff's department that has full law enforcement powers in its  
23 jurisdiction.

24 (6) "Classroom instruction" means (~~instruction~~) training that  
25 takes place in a setting where individuals receiving training are  
26 assembled together and learn through lectures, study papers, class  
27 discussion, textbook study, or other means of organized formal  
28 education techniques, such as video, closed circuit, or other forms of  
29 electronic means, and as distinguished from (~~on-the-job education or~~  
30 ~~training~~) individual instruction.

1 (7) "Commission" means the criminal justice training commission  
2 established in chapter 43.101 RCW.

3 (8) "Department" means the department of licensing.

4 (9) "Department-certified trainer" means any person who has been  
5 approved by the department by receiving a passing score on a  
6 department-administered examination, to administer department-provided  
7 examinations and attest that training or testing requirements have been  
8 met.

9 (10) "Director" means the director of the department of licensing.

10 ~~((+10+))~~ (11) "Employer" includes any individual, firm,  
11 corporation, partnership, association, company, society, manager,  
12 contractor, subcontractor, bureau, agency, service, office, or an agent  
13 of any of the foregoing that employs or seeks to enter into an  
14 arrangement to employ any person as a private security guard.

15 ~~((+11+))~~ (12) "Firearms certificate" means the certificate issued  
16 by the commission.

17 ~~((+12+))~~ (13) "Individual instruction" means training that takes  
18 place either on-the-job or through formal education techniques, such as  
19 video, closed circuit, internet, or other forms of electronic means,  
20 and as distinguished from classroom instruction.

21 (14) "Licensee" means a person granted a license required by this  
22 chapter.

23 ~~((+13+))~~ (15) "Person" includes any individual, firm, corporation,  
24 partnership, association, company, society, manager, contractor,  
25 subcontractor, bureau, agency, service, office, or an agent or employee  
26 of any of the foregoing.

27 ~~((+14) "Postassignment or on the job training" means training that~~  
28 ~~occurs in either an assisted field environment or in a classroom~~  
29 ~~instruction setting, or both.~~

30 ~~(15) "Preassignment training" means the classroom training~~  
31 ~~completed prior to being assigned to work independently.))~~

32 (16) "Principal corporate officer" means the president, vice-  
33 president, treasurer, secretary, comptroller, or any other person who  
34 performs the same functions for the corporation as performed by these  
35 officers.

36 (17) "Private security company" means a person or entity licensed  
37 under this chapter and engaged in the business of providing the  
38 services of private security guards on a contractual basis.

1 (18) "Private security guard" means an individual who is licensed  
2 under this chapter and principally employed as or typically referred to  
3 as one of the following:

4 (a) Security officer or guard;

5 (b) Patrol or merchant patrol service officer or guard;

6 (c) Armed escort or bodyguard;

7 (d) Armored vehicle guard;

8 (e) Burglar alarm response runner; or

9 (f) Crowd control officer or guard.

10 (19) "Qualifying agent" means an officer or manager of a  
11 corporation who meets the requirements set forth in this chapter for  
12 obtaining a license to own or operate a private security company.

13 (20) "Sworn peace officer" means a person who is an employee of the  
14 federal government, the state, a political subdivision, agency, or  
15 department branch of a municipality, or other unit of local government,  
16 and has law enforcement powers.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 18.170 RCW  
18 to read as follows:

19 (1) To promote the safety of persons and the security of property,  
20 the director shall meet with interested parties to develop lists of  
21 suggested preassignment, postassignment, and postassignment refresher  
22 training by rule.

23 (2) All security guards licensed on or after July 1, 2005, must  
24 complete at least eight hours of preassignment training, comprised of  
25 at least four hours of classroom instruction and an additional four  
26 hours of classroom instruction or individual instruction, or both. The  
27 preassignment training may be waived for any individual who was most  
28 recently employed full time as a sworn peace officer not more than five  
29 years prior to applying to become licensed as a private security guard  
30 and who passes the examination typically administered to applicants at  
31 the conclusion of the preassignment training.

32 (3)(a) All security guards licensed on or after July 1, 2005, must  
33 complete at least eight hours of initial postassignment training that  
34 shall be administered to each security guard. The initial  
35 postassignment training must be in the topic areas established by the  
36 director and may be classroom instruction or individual instruction, or  
37 both. A company may waive the initial postassignment training for

1 security guards already licensed who transfer from another company, if  
2 the security guard presents appropriate training records signed by a  
3 department-certified trainer from the previous company, or a signed  
4 affidavit that the individual has already completed the required  
5 initial postassignment training provided by his or her previous  
6 company.

7 (b) Security guards who received their temporary security guard  
8 registration card on or before the effective date of this act must  
9 receive their initial postassignment training before June 30, 2008.  
10 Security guards who received their temporary security guard  
11 registration card after the effective date of this act must receive  
12 their initial postassignment training as specified in (c) and (d) of  
13 this subsection.

14 (c) Security guards licensed between January 1st and June 30th of  
15 any calendar year may receive eight hours of initial postassignment  
16 training any time between the day following the issuance of a temporary  
17 security guard registration card with their company and June 30th of  
18 the year following initial issuance of their license by the department.

19 (d) Security guards initially licensed between July 1st and  
20 December 31st of any calendar year may receive eight hours of initial  
21 postassignment training at any time between the day following the  
22 issuance of a temporary security guard registration card with their  
23 company and December 31st of the year following initial issuance of  
24 their license by the department.

25 (4) Following completion of the preassignment and postassignment  
26 training, at least four total hours of annual refresher training shall  
27 be administered to security guards each subsequent year. The  
28 subsequent year begins, for refresher training purposes, the day  
29 following the last date the security guard is required to receive the  
30 eight hours of initial postassignment training. No more than one hour  
31 per year of annual refresher training may focus directly on customer  
32 service related skills or topics and the remaining three hours per year  
33 of annual refresher training must focus on emergency response concepts,  
34 skills, or topics including but not limited to knowledge of site post  
35 orders or life safety.

36 (5) Companies must maintain records regarding the training hours  
37 completed by each employee. All such records are subject to inspection  
38 by the department. The training requirements and test results must be

1 recorded and attested to by a department-certified trainer. Training  
2 records must contain a description of the topics covered, the name and  
3 signature of the trainer, and the name and signature of the security  
4 guard.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** RCW 18.170.100 (Training and testing  
6 requirements) and 2004 c 50 s 2, 1995 c 277 s 7, & 1991 c 334 s 10 are  
7 each repealed."

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8 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "training;" strike the  
9 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 18.170.010; adding a  
10 new section to chapter 18.170 RCW; and repealing RCW 18.170.100."

EFFECT: Allows companies to waive the initial postassignment  
training for guards who transfer from another company and have  
completed the training provided by their previous company. Deletes the  
waiver of preassignment training for guards transferring companies.

Makes a number of clarifying and other housekeeping changes:  
Creates a definition of "individual instruction," (includes on-the-job  
training and formal education techniques), as distinguished from  
classroom instruction; deletes definition of "instruction"; reorganizes  
by deleting definitions and substantive requirements in the definition  
section for the various types of training and placing them in the  
section that specifies training requirements; clarifies the  
responsibility of a department-certified trainer; makes language  
consistent; and corrects a subsection reference.

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